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1. [redacted] there were three plants for Sarin (or
Tabun) production in Germany. The location of one plant was known
to be in DYH RNFURT (P 52/C 23) near BRESLAU (P 52/C 41).

2. The DYHERNFURT Plant was seized by the Soviets in an undamaged condi-
tion, only the stockpiles of tabun having been previously removed.
A short time after the Soviet occupation a special German demolition
squad was assigned to blast the plant tabun-producing installations (ob-
viously not all the installations of the plant). The blasting is said to
have been successful.

3. Workmen and engineers were evacuated to the west prior to the occupa-
tion of the plant. The Chief Chemist, Dr. von BOCK, had moved to the
Leuna Plant.

4. While in the Leuna Plant Dr. von BOCK is said to have been offered a
contract for work in the Soviet Union.

5. The following supplementary data is contained in the annexed reports:

a. Two PW's report Dr. von BOCK as employed in the Chemical Combine
No 91 in BEKETOVKA south of STALINGRAD.

b. Dr. v. BOCK is allegedly assigned to build a new subsidiary plant,
cover designation "margarine" plant, south of the Combine No 91.

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c. Several [redacted] have observed dismantled material including the fol-
lowing:

Installations of an Upper-Silesian plant
Installations of a plant in SAALFELD (M 51/J 53) (Thuringia)
Installations of a plant in AMENDORF (M 52/D 92) (Saale District).

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(1) The AMMENDORF Plant is the former Buckau Chemical Plant, 95 percent of which was owned by the former T. H. Goldschmidt Corporation in ESSEN. In 1948 it was turned into a plant of the Alcidit VVB (Z). This plant had the following production program in 1937 and 1938: caustic potash lye, solid caustic potash, caustic soda solution, sodium thiosulphate, barium chloride, liquid chlorine, chloride of lime, chlorinated rubber, sulphur chloride, solid zinc chloride, chemically and technically pure ferric chloride, soda crystals, cold tar, sodium bicarbonate, liquid and solid sodium hydrosulphide, potash, hydrochloric acid, calcined soda, sodium sulphide, sulphuric acid, sulphate, sulphuryl chloride, carbon tetrachloride free from sulphur, compressed hydrogen, zinc ammonium chloride.

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(2) The Goldschmidt Corporation in SAALFELD [REDACTED] may be confused with another SAALFELD Plant of the Goldschmidt Corporation in AMMENDORF.

d, The Chemical Combine No 91 had a normal production rate in 1948 and 1949 when chemical warfare agents were also produced. The production of the "margarine" plant had not started in February 1949.

17 Annexes: Report on the Chemical Combine No 91 in BEKETOVKA near STALINGRAD;
16 sketches.